

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **Danny Charles Bowman**

Serial No.: 09/737,185

Examiner: Gakh

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Art Unit: 1743

For: **PAPERLESS CHAIN OF CUSTODY EVIDENCE FOR LAB SAMPLES**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER RULE 1.131

DANNY CHARLES BOWMAN does hereby say as follows:

1. Richard Kimberly Paisley is one of the inventors of the above-identified patent application.
2. Richard Kimberly Paisley assigned the above-identified patent application to GBF, Inc.
3. I am an officer of GBF, Inc.
4. Richard Kimberly Paisley is unavailable to GBF, Inc. to provide a Declaration Under Rule 1.131.
5. I am one of the inventors of the above-identified patent application.
6. I have attached copies of evidence that the above-identified patent application was conceived in the United States or a NAFTA country before November 17, 2000 and applicants were diligent to a constructive redirection to practice from a time prior to November 17, 2000, until December 14, 2000. Dates not specified herein have been redacted but were prior to November 17, 2000:

a. a draft of the application for the PAPERLESS CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR LAB SAMPLES was developed with the assistance of applicants' lawyers by a date prior to November 17, 2000, and a copy is the attached Exhibit A;

b. a final draft with formal documents for signature was forwarded by counsel on December 5, 2000;

c. The inventors reviewed and approved the application for filing, and the formal documents accompanying the application were signed December 11, 2000, and forwarded to counsel for filing in the PTO on December 14, 2000.

d. from the period beginning at the latest when the "final draft" of the application was developed prior to November 17, 2000 until December 14, 2000, when the application was filed, the inventors of the subject matter of the PAPERLESS CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR LAB SAMPLES proceeded diligently in all matters regarding the filing of the application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Danny Charles Bowman

6-15-04
Date